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(SBU) According to Deputy Director Robert Sinclair in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Human Rights Bureau, Canada is "seized" with the need to keep the pressure on in the lead-up to the vote on country specific resolutions. Canada had coordinated closely with the U.S. and the Group of Friends in New York on the Iran resolution and continues to stress the importance of close coordination on all the country specific resolutions as we move up to the UNGA plenary votes. He underscored that Canada shares our concern about the impact of Christmas and Bali on smaller delegations, and has prepared a list of countries it will be pressing to keep the right people in New York or use proxies in order to ensure the votes hold. Sinclair promised that Canada looks forward to continued close coordination with USUN on these resolutions.

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